



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

BUFORD MIDDLE

Lancaster County

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 489

Principal: Sheryl H. Wells

Superintendent: Richard E. Moore

Board Chair: Robert Parker

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

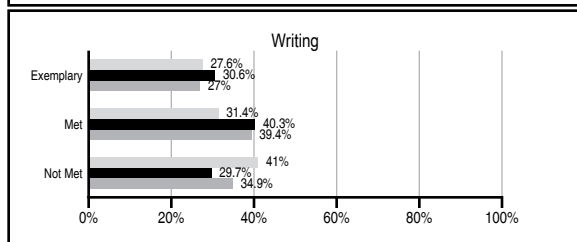
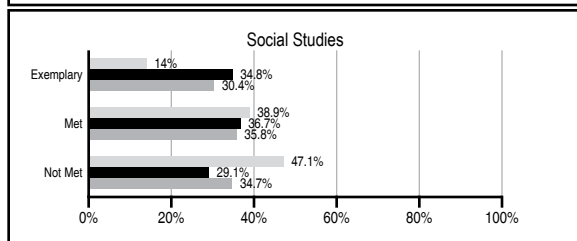
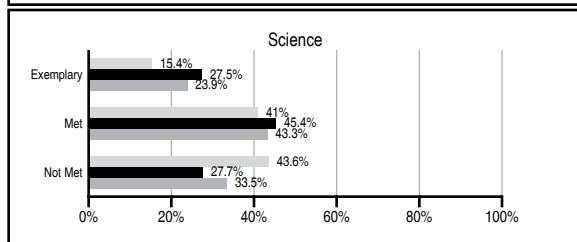
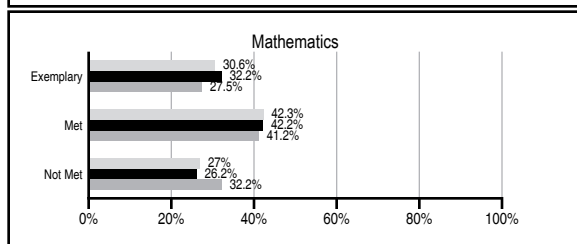
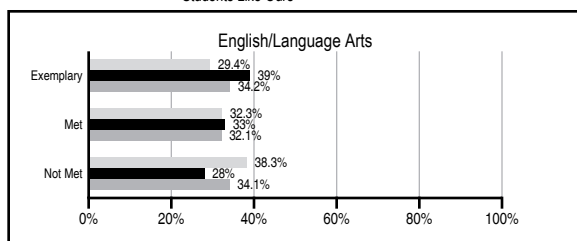
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
4	21	26	0	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	28	45	25	2
Nation	25	43	29	3
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)

South Carolina	30	38	25	7
Nation	28	39	26	8
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)

South Carolina	45	32	22	1
Nation	38	33	28	1
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
	Below Basic	Basic	Proficient	Advanced

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	98.1
English 1	N/A	92.5
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	N/A
Physical Science	N/A	31.7
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	96.0

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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BUFORD MIDDLE [Lancaster County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=489)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	30.8%	Up from 17.2%	30.7%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.2%	Up from 0.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Attendance rate	95.2%	Up from 94.9%	96.1%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	19.3%	Up from 16.4%	21.1%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	10.4%	Down from 12.1%	8.9%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.9%	Up from 1.6%	1.2%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.9%	0.5%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	Down from 0.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=26)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	84.6%	Up from 81.5%	59.8%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	96.2%	Down from 96.3%	83.9%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.4%	Up from 86.1%	85.7%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Up from 93.6%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$49,522	Down 3.7%	\$46,578	\$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	3.6%	No Change	0.0%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	19.0 days	Up from 14.3 days	9.7 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.1 to 1	Down from 24.1 to 1	23.4 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.1%	Up from 85.5%	90.3%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	Down from Excellent	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	Up from 97.0%	99.6%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$7,258	Down 0.8%	\$7,315	\$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.0%	Down from 67.9%	64.4%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.0%	Up from 62.6%	61.6%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	61.9%	Down from 90.5%	81.0%	80.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	30	141	73
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	90.1%	91.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	92.1%	87.5%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	88.5%	84.5%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Buford Middle School's theme for the 2010-2011 school year was "Rowdy for Learning" and this cowboy theme has been incorporated into all aspects of our school year. We began the year by celebrating our top summer readers. Thirty students had a rowdy time with all types of activities on the football field. Later in the year we had a visit from the mechanical bull, which our readers and teachers rode with enthusiasm. We had several book clubs that culminated with a "lunch and a movie" celebration. We had an author visit that followed a school-wide reading initiative and celebrated our end of the year top readers with a white-water rafting trip to Tennessee.

Our teachers have had many reasons to celebrate. At the beginning of the year, one of our teachers was named as the District Middle School Teacher of the Year. This brought our count to five teachers who have had this wonderful distinction. We had another teacher receive National Board certification, which brought our total count to 8 teachers. Most of our teachers received their Gifted and Talented Certification this year. We have all participated in Professional Learning Communities this year to keep our skills and talents innovative.

Our students have also done incredibly well. We have had three 7th graders receive recognition as Duke Tip Scholars. We have had twelve 8th graders recognized as Junior Scholars. Our students raised money for one of our teachers who was diagnosed with cancer. They also participated in Relay for Life, Pennies for Patients, Hoops for Hearts and bringing canned goods for Hope of Lancaster. We strive to raise good citizens that give back to the community.

We want to thank our PTO, our students, our parents, and our teachers for making this year so successful. Working together, we can accomplish miraculous things.

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Melissa Knight School Improvement Council President

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